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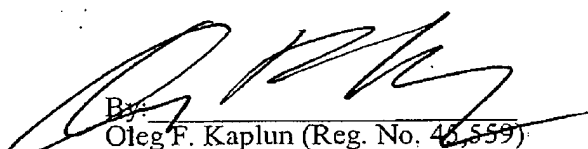
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION (RCE)**

In response to the the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed on September 25, 2007 in the above-identified application, Applicants are filing for a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) of the application under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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